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SUBJECT: DoD Regional Environmental Coordination

References: (a) DoD Directive 4715.1, "Environmental Security," February 24, 1996
(b) DoD Directive 3025.1, "Military Support to Civil Authorities (MSCA)," January 15, 1983
(c) DoD Directive 3030.1, "Office of Economic Adjustment," November 29, 1978
(d) DoD Directive 4165.61, "Intergovernmental Coordination of DoD Federal Development Programs and Activities," August 9, 1983
(e) [DoD Instruction 4000.19](#), "Interservice, Interdepartmental, and Interagency Support," April 15, 1992
(f) DoD 8910.1-M, "DoD Procedures for Management of Information Requirements," November 18, 1986, authorized by DoD Directive 8910.1, June 11, 1993

1. PURPOSE

This Instruction:

1.1. Implements policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures under reference (a) for the establishment and operation of a program for regional environmental coordination within the Department of Defense.

1.2. Establishes DoD environmental Executive Agents (EAs), DoD Regional Environmental Coordinators (DoD RECs), and Component RECs.

1.3. Does not change DoD policies, responsibilities, and procedures concerning other regional activities under references (b) through (e).

2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Instruction:

2.1. Applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments (including the Coast Guard when it is operating as a Military Service of the Navy), the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Unified Combatant Commands, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities, including any other integral DoD organizational entity or instrumentality established to perform a governmental function (hereafter referred to collectively as “the DoD Components”). The term “Military Services,” as used herein, refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marine Corps.

2.2. Applies to activities within the United States only.

2.3. Does not apply to safety and occupational health matters.

2.4. Does not apply to the civil works function of the Department of the Army.

3. POLICY

It is DoD policy that:

3.1. The Department of the Army is the EA for standard Federal regions IV, V, VII, and VIII. The Department of the Navy is the EA for regions I, III, and IX. The Department of the Air Force is EA for regions II, VI, and X.

3.2. Regional environmental coordination shall be conducted with full adherence to the military chain of command.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, through the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security, shall:

4.1.1. Establish additional regional environmental coordination policy and guidance, where necessary, in accordance with DoD Directive 4715.1 (reference (a)).

4.1.2. Oversee DoD Component implementation of this Instruction.

4.2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall:

4.2.1. Designate a single EA to coordinate regional environmental matters within their assigned regions and with Component RECs.

4.2.2. Designate a DoD REC for each of the regions assigned in subsection 3.1. above.

4.3. The Heads of the DoD Components shall:

4.3.1. Designate a Component REC (e.g., Army REC, Defense Logistics Agency REC) in each region to coordinate environmental matters with DoD RECs. The Marine Corps will also designate a Component REC in regions where the Marine Corps has a significant presence. The DoD REC for an assigned region may also serve as the Component REC for that region. Defense Agencies may appoint a single Component REC or Component RECs in Regions where they have a significant presence.

4.2.2. Implement the policies and procedures in this Instruction.

5. PROCEDURES

5.1. The DoD EAs shall:

5.1.1. Coordinate regional environmental matters within their assigned regions. Coordinate with the Component RECs and, if affected, the applicable Unified Combatant Commander.

5.1.2. Update the Environment, Safety and Occupational Health (ESOH) Policy Board, established by DoD Directive 4715.1 (reference (a)), on regional matters and present to the ESOH Policy Board any issues forwarded by the DoD RECs that require DoD policies or decisions. Referral to the ESOH Policy Board may not eliminate the requirement for formal coordination of significant issues.

5.1.3. Not make unilateral decisions or commitments for DoD or any Components.

5.2. The DoD RECs shall:

5.2.1. Monitor and coordinate the consistent interpretation and application of DoD environmental policies within the region in consultation with the EA and affected Component RECs.

5.2.2. Forward issues to the appropriate EA where there is disagreement among the Components.

5.2.3. Monitor Federal, regional, State, and local environmental issues. Elevate issues of interest or requiring EA or ESOH Policy Board level attention to the EA. Consult with Combatant Commanders on issues that affect training, operations, warfighting ability, are controversial, or have the potential to become highly visible in the media.

5.2.4. Establish and maintain a list of Component RECs and regional, State, and local environmental regulatory agency points of contact.

5.2.5. Monitor regional, State, and local legislative, regulatory, and enforcement activities and inform Component RECs of developments and lessons learned.

5.2.6. After coordination with the Component RECs and, where necessary, the appropriate EA, articulate DoD positions on proposed regional, State, and local legislation and regulations to regional, state, and local authorities.

5.2.7. Conduct regional meetings, as necessary, with the DoD Components and regulators.

5.2.8. Monitor and coordinate training activities among components to promote the most effective use of Component and regulator assets, courses, and expertise.

5.2.9. After coordination with the Component RECs, provide semi-annual executive summaries of regional coordination activities, success stories, and issues to the appropriate EA by 1 July and 1 December. Summaries will be submitted through channels established by the Components.

5.3. The DoD RECs shall not:

5.3.1. Develop Environmental Security policy.

5.3.2. Commit the resources of another Component.

5.3.3. Negotiate or sign agreements related to compliance, cleanup, or other environmental security matters at another Component's installation.

5.4. The Component RECs shall:

5.4.1. Monitor and coordinate the consistent interpretation and application of DoD environmental policies at their Component's installations within the region, and elevate issues of interest or those requiring EA or ESOH Policy Board level attention to the DoD REC with a copy to the Component headquarters.

5.4.2. Serve as the focal point for information and coordination of issues related to their Component's activities in the region.

5.4.3. Provide semi-annual executive summaries of their Component's regional activities, success stories, and issues to the DoD REC with a copy to the Component's headquarters.


5.4.4. Participate in regional meetings, as necessary, with other DoD Components and regulators, and monitor and coordinate training activities with the DoD REC.

6. INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The information requirement(s) identified at paragraphs 5.2.9. and 5.4.3. have been assigned Report Control Symbol DD-A&T(SA) 1996, in accordance with DoD 8910.1-M (reference (f)).

7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Instruction is effective immediately.


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for Acquisition and Technology